

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Monday, August 18, 2025, the Commissioner Court of Howard County met in a Special Meeting at 4:00 PM with Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long as the Presiding Officer. The following members were present: Commissioner Pct. 1 Eddilisa Ray, Commissioner Pct. 2 Cash Berry, Commissioner Pct. 3 Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 4 Doug Wagner. Randy Johnson, County Judge was Not Present.

The Meeting was Called to Order at 4:01 PM

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Approve the Order Calling an Election for the Creation of the Howard County Emergency Services District No. 1, as presented by Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Table item 2b.) Replacement of the Howard County Courthouse Generator and Related Bids, until the new Fiscal Year, as presented by Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray to Approve the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning, as presented by Cash Berry, Commissioner Pct. 2, Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Heather Del Valle, County Assistant Auditor and Jackie Olson, County Auditor discussed making a change in the proposed 2025-2026 budget by reducing the Tobacco Fund transfer by \$250,000 and increasing the Courthouse Maintenance budget by \$250,000 in order to cover the potential cost for the generators next FY. No Action Taken.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner to Approve an Increase in the District Attorney's Expert Witness Line Item by \$50,000 for the 2025-2026 Budget, as presented by Heather Del Valle, County Assistant Auditor and Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry to Approve an Increase in the District Court's Appointed Attorney Line Item by \$125,000 for the 2025-2026 Budget as presented by Heather Del Valle, County Assistant Auditor and Jackie Olson, County Auditor. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 2 Berry and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 4 Wagner to Accept Halff's offer related to RFQ 2025-01, and to give Randy Johnson, County Judge permission to sign the contract after it is signed by Halff and reviewed by Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney, as presented by Brian Klinksiek, County Engineer. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Brian Klinksiek, County Road Engineer, gave an update related to the Super-Heavy Overweight Permit. No Action Taken.

Future Agenda Items:

- County Treasurer Interviews and Selection to take place on 8/25/2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:49 PM and was called back to order at 4:50 PM at the request of Lindsay Wilkerson, County Attorney, who expressed some concerns regarding the Order Calling an Election to Confirm the Creation of the Howard County Emergency Services District No. 1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pct. 3 Long and seconded by Commissioner Pct. 1 Ray to Amend the Order Calling an Election for the Creation of the Howard County Emergency Services District No. 1 by adding the Howard County Unincorporated Area and making the ballot a 6 voting ballot style, as presented by Jimmie Long, Commissioner Pct. 3. A vote was taken and 4 members of the Court voted "AYE" with None voting "NAY." Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:04 PM

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

I, Jury Padron, Howard County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court authorized proceedings for August 18, 2025.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jury Padron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jury Padron, Howard County Clerk
Clerk of the Commissioners Court
Howard County, Texas